

BYNG'S STROKE PRESAGES ROUT

Of Enemy in General Fashion.
Possibilities of Situation
Infinite.

LUDENDORFF WEAKENING

Question Now: Can the Hun
Be Driven to Frontier? Dis-
aster Would Follow.

New York, Aug. 29.—(Copyright, N. Y. Tribune.)—The stroke of Byng's stride the scene in the last three days is the most interesting recent development on the whole battle front. Advancing over ground memorable because of the fighting of April 9 and engaging in what must be called hereafter the second battle of Arras, Byng has approximately touched all that section of the Hindenburg line designated in that previous episode by the name of the Wotan line.

Substantially all the ground held by the British Third army when the fifth collapsed in March of this year has now been retaken. And all this ground is familiar to the world. Across the British front from Lens down to Bullecourt, the Germans had cut and seamed the plain east of Vimy ridge with switch lines and support trenches. There was the Oppy line, which the British crossed, but could not hold behind the Oppy, the Drocourt-Quantin line, and the two, with other details, constituted the Wotan division of the Hindenburg line as far south as Bullecourt, which the Australians took on a certain ghastly day.

East and south of Bullecourt round to the old Cambrai salient, where Byng won and lost one of the most amazing battles of the war, it was the Scarf line, not the Wotan line, although both divisions were of the Hindenburg line.

Now the British have retaken Monchy-le-Preux, which rises like a western butte in the midst of the plain and commands a wonderful view. They have taken the chemical works near Roubaix, which are under the shadow of Greenham Hill, which was never wholly in their possession in 1917, and is not now.

The sum of all this gaining is that the British have driven the Germans between Lens and Cambrai, straight out of all the Ludendorff gained as a result of his victory on March 21.

Point to Be Decided.

Now the most interesting thing remains to be decided. Each has produced a progressive distraction of the whole German front from Soissons to Arras. It has been like the collapse of a series of houses of cards which children build. You upset one and down goes the row.

So we have had Ludendorff, Byng, Humbert, Mangin, each in turn, hitting out and taking advantage of a strategic destruction of the German equilibrium, and now the destruction has extended to Byng's front. But behind all these shaken German ranks, stands the Hindenburg line as a place of refuge.

By contrast, there is no such immediate refuge for the Germans north of Lens. A narrow strip of a strategic line, Hornie and Plumer would almost inevitably settle the fate of Lille and start the German line back on each side of this great city, for this is one of the anchorages of their French front.

The new style of attack, the "crash" bombardment, which has been a brief period, but has unbelievable consequences, and the tank advance, which disposes of the barbed wire and straight gun nests, together hold out the hope that we may either break or turn the Hindenburg line in due course of time, and so keep up the drive until the Meuse and the Scheldt.

Ludendorff's situation is visibly weakening. He is paying high for the privilege of keeping with a portion of his guns, and his troops are suffering from lowered morale, as well as heavy losses, in a retreat.

He hopes and expects to stand presently, as Joffre stood at the Marne, to turn around and strike back as Joffre did and beat the pursuer. But it will not be enough to get into the Hindenburg line and attempt to repulse attacks by a sort of passive resistance.

The tactics of attack have momentarily outstripped those of the defense, thanks to the tanks, the gas shells and the other engines of contemporary mud. Paradoxical as it is, the truth is that to defend you must attack.

In a sense, however, the present phase is already foreboding throughout its course, and the military observers are beginning to look forward impatiently to the phase which must follow, and must follow before long, and will decide the main question of the year—Can we drive the German to the French frontier?

Can we continue our long drive which, continued, is now bound to bring demoralization and disaster?

Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt Wood will leave Sept. 14 for South Hadley, Mass., where they will place their daughter, Miss Merle Wood, in Mount Holyoke college. Miss Helen Palmer will accompany them. En route they will stop in Washington, Philadelphia, and other places of interest.

Miss Chloë Thompson will return to Buffalo this year to teach in the Buffalo seminary. She will leave about Sept. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sauerfeld, who have been spending the summer on their farm near Ringgold, Ga., will leave next week for their home in Memphis.

Miss Isabelle Sewall is expected to arrive Friday from Mississippi, en route to her home in Paulding, O. While here she will be the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Laura J. Thompson, who has been visiting in Washington, Philadelphia, and other places of interest.

Mrs. F. C. Hillyard is ill at her home, 244 McClellan.

Mrs. W. H. Reynolds will not leave until about Sept. 20 for Philadelphia, where she goes to join her husband to reside.

Mrs. Maude Reed, who has been seriously ill at her home in Rutherford, is reported as improving.

The New Armada.

The great flotilla moves
Across the western seas,
A fleet of slim destroyers,
Keep ward and watch o'er these,
Clear-eyed they come and keen to fight
This monster of the day,
Trained in all arts of warfare
To mutilate and slay.

Lights out! all dim the friendly coast,
Wide opened arms to them,
A driving rain, the midnight hour,
Light, like a diadem
A flashing o'er the heaving deep
To guide them as they fly, will stop
Keen-eyed and eager, stepping high
On freedom's ancient strand.

Heard from the rumors spreading
Where Teuton hordes lie low,
Now, God be thanked at last, at last
Fruition shall they know,
To sweep the Beast of Berlin
Back to his bloody lair,
To clean the Augean stables,
And purify the air.

And still it "moves." The army
From Freedom's land of Light
Keen in its strength for righteousness,
Keen to defend the right, it moves,
Thinks of its distant landmen,
Parents and kindred, too,
The landing of that captured
Where war has widened too.

WAR REVIEW TERSELY GIVEN BY THE TWO LEADING NEWS SERVICES

(International News Service.)
French troops today have consolidated their gains on the heights of the left bank of the Somme from Clairmont to the region east of Noyon and along the west bank of the Canal Du Nord from Neale to Noyon.

Suzoy, Pant L'Evêque, Vauchelles and Porquericourt, north of the Oise river, are safely held.

Between the Oise and the Aisne, American units co-operating with Gen. Mangin's forces have valiantly repulsed counter attacks of the enemy, and farther east have prevented the Germans from crossing the Vesle river.

In the past twenty-four hours the French have taken more than forty villages and the French advances have exceeded more than six miles.

The British front, a German retreat is apparent between Chaumes and the vicinity of Bapaume, but south of the Somme the Germans have not retreated to the same depth as on the French front. The latest British advance, however, gives the impression that the enemy is retreating back of the Somme, while defending the territory to the west of Peronne and Hirle to permit the movement of his artillery and supplies.

The French activity last night was confined chiefly to the work of the artillery, according to the war office. Apparently there is a lull in the advance upon the retreating Germans to enable the French troops to recover from their arduous efforts of the past few days.

Whether the Germans contemplated a temporary stand on the east bank of the Canal Du Nord and the Somme river is a mooted question, which should be settled within the next twenty-four hours. But it is now evident that their ultimate objective is the old Hindenburg line toward which they are being driven by French, American and British units.

The fierce struggle between American troops and the enemy in the Juvisy region held the limelight of infantry action today.

The Americans have captured 200 prisoners, including eight officers. The Germans have thrown the Seventh Prussian division into the battle to support the hard pressed Jagers.

The importance of the struggle in the vicinity of Juvisy is fully realized by military experts who declare that a further advance there by the Americans will flank the German forces and force them out of the Chemin-des-Dames positions, which are considered practically impregnable to a direct attack.

Latest reports from the front state that the battle between the Americans and Germans is still raging.

The British troops continue to press closely upon the retreating Germans along the northern battle front. It is officially announced they have captured more than 20,000 Germans and over 100 guns since the morning of Aug. 21.

The American counter attacks east and southeast of Vieux-Atois, east of Boiry and in the vicinity of Gavrelle, all villages east of Arras, have been repulsed by the British, according to the official statement today.

TRIP TO MOUNTAIN FOR CONVALESCENTS

Sixty-Five Entertained at the
Home of Mrs. Ellen Cahill
on Lookout.

The recreation committee of the National League for Women's Service took sixty-five convalescent soldiers to Lookout Mountain Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Hewitt Wood, Mrs. Adolph Shumacker, Mrs. Gray Gentry and other members of the committee were in charge of the party. They were entertained by the Charles Aid of the Knights of Columbus at the home of Mrs. Ellen Cahill. The beautiful scenery from the eastern brow of the home was fully appreciated by the soldiers present.

Miss Marguerite Aull and Miss Nora Crummins were active among the committee in serving refreshments and lunch. Grape juice was served during the afternoon, and at 5 o'clock a luncheon course, consisting of sandwiches, creamed chicken on toast, coffee, ice cream and cake, was served.

Early in the evening a picture of the group was taken.

The convalescent transportation was assisted by Mr. Ben Stoner, of the Chattanooga Sightseeing Car company, who donated a car for twenty-three passengers. These excursions are made to various points every Wednesday for the convalescents.

LESTER WILLIAMS' SKULL FRACTURED BY AUTO

Lester Williams, a St. Elmo youth, employed at the Watkins drug store on Whitehead street, sustained a slight fracture of the skull and severe bruises in an automobile accident Thursday morning. The accident occurred on Whitehead street, near the drug store. The boy was endeavoring to dodge a team that became frightened at an automobile when a passing machine knocked him down. He was picked up, carried in the drug store and later removed to Erlanger hospital. Drs. D. C. Morris and J. W. Horton attended him. He resides on Fifty-fourth street, St. Elmo. He is getting along very well.

NOTED SOPRANO SINGS IN LIBERTY LOAN DRIVES



Mrs. Christine Langenhahn, a dramatic soprano, who gained unusual success in French, England and Bohemia, before coming to this country, has been giving much of her time to patriotic causes and has been featured in B. C. Hillman's slogan campaign, "Freedom, Peace, and Liberty," which has scored a big hit, at various Red Cross and Liberty loan drives.

(Associated Press.)
Noyon, the southern anchor point of the German armies in the Somme battlefield, has been occupied by the French.

The capture of the city by Gen. Humbert's men had been expected for several days and its effect on the great tide of French was, therefore, largely discounted.

With the fall of Roye and Chaumes, to the northward, Noyon became untenable and the retirement of the German forces from west of the Somme river apparently spread far to the south and involved both Noyon and the country adjacent to that city. Morlineourt, on the north bank of the Oise river, east of Noyon, has been taken by the French, it is announced. This may mark a crossing of the Oise over a wide front.

Having forced the Germans to retreat between the Somme and the Oise, the allied forces are pressing their advantage gained and continue their advance eastward. Further enemy retirements between Rheims and Arras are not unexpected in allied capitals.

French troops, after an advance of nearly seven miles on a front of nine miles, are fighting for the crossings of the Canal Du Nord, in the region north of Noyon, which gradually is being encircled. Immediately south of the Somme, British forces have moved east to within three miles of the Somme, south of where it bends at Peronne, and are driving the enemy back to the river crossings at Peronne and Hirle.

From the Somme to north of Bapaume, the British pressure continues vigorously and has resulted in an advance of more than a mile on a front of more than five miles in the region of Curly and northward. Bapaume still holds out, but the British are pushing west east of that point on the north. Southeast of Arras, where the British have crossed the Hindenburg line, they are east of Boiry-Notre-Dame, about three miles east of Monchy-le-Preux, and threatening seriously the Quant-Drocourt support line. North of the Scarpe, German counter attacks seemingly have held up the advance astride the Arras-Douai high road.

While the enforced retirement of the enemy from the Roy-Chaumes line adds to the difficulties of the German troops north of the Somme, French and American troops under Gen. Mangin have struck at the vital salient of Soissons. An advance of nearly one mile has been made in the Chemin region. The allies here are driving the Germans back to the western end of the Chemin-des-Dames, imperiling the German lines both to the east and to the west. To the east along the Vesle, the Germans have reacted vigorously, but the French have repulsed them and have regained that village Wednesday night in heavy fighting. The enemy, however, did not succeed in crossing the Vesle, which the 250 Americans were made prisoners here and at Bazoches, several miles to the west. At Bazoches, the Americans gained a strong foothold in the village and are fighting.

Viewed from the map, the German withdrawal before French pressure in the Neale region, coupled with allied activities elsewhere on the great battle front, which has become the greatest of the war, hardly places them in a more secure position than the one previously occupied. The fact that south of Peronne the Germans went back to the Canal Du Nord and the Somme indicate that they may retire to the same canal north of Peronne, where it runs toward Cambrai.

British pressure on the north and the French position along the Oise do not make the Canal Du Nord a very strong line, because it can be outflanked from the north and from the south. The French, at the juncture of the Oise and the Ailette, could cut in behind it and at least as so placed as to impede and seriously harass any hurried withdrawal from the region about Ham and Noyon.

German resistance is reported to have increased as the British and French have moved eastward, south of the Somme. This may indicate the enemy intends to make another temporary stand at the Somme and the Canal Du Nord. Meanwhile, the British south of the Scarpe are cutting the old German defenses with success.

The fate of the Hindenburg line depends upon the situation here and interesting developments may be expected.

A German newspaper reports that the Polish, Czech and South Slav inhabitants of Austria-Hungary are mobilizing, probably in preparation for a concerted revolutionary movement. Signs in Bohemia indicate that some action may be taken soon.

ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN TO LIQUIDATE TOBACCO CONCERN

Washington, Aug. 29.—Immediate steps will be taken by the Alien Property Custodian today, to liquidate the large German-controlled tobacco jobbing firm of H. Nueberger & Co., Inc., of New York City. The concern, recently taken over by the government, did a large speculative business in leaf tobacco and has \$300,000 worth of leaf tobacco in storage which will be sold shortly. Included in the holdings of the Nueberger company are 35 per cent. of the stock of the Arthur Corey Tobacco company, of Jacksonville, Fla.; 50 per cent. of the stock of the Connecticut Tobacco company, of Hartford; and 25 per cent. of the stock of the Griffin Tobacco company, of Connecticut.

ON THE FIRING LINE

Marion, S. C., Aug. 28.—Lieut. D. E. Monroe, of Marion, who was reported as having been killed in action on July 29, is alive and in a French hospital, where he is recovering from a wound in the shoulder. His mother has received a letter from him, dated July 21, and a cablegram dated Aug. 19, announcing the fact.

Texas Bags German.

With the American Forces in Lorraine, Aug. 29.—Official confirmation was given today to the claim that Lieut. T. J. Tobin, of San Antonio, Tex., had brought down a German airplane on Aug. 11. Lieut. Tobin has now been credited with the destruction of six German machines.

Newspaper Man Killed.

With the American Army in France, Tuesday, Aug. 27.—Second Lieut. Franklin Fox, of Philadelphia, attached to headquarters staff, was killed Friday afternoon when an airplane in which he was riding caught fire. The pilot, an experienced aviator, jumped and was killed.

Lieut. Fox was a newspaper man until the United States entered the war. He was employed on the Houston Herald and the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

"TABLOID" TRAGEDY.

St. Louis.—(I. N. S.)—Four a. m. Dark night. Noise in vacant store. Police call. Squad arrive. Surround store. Force entrance. Enter. Gun drawn. Hoot owl hoots. Bird will be given to zoo.

SECRETARY LANSING'S SISTERS DECORATED WITH FRENCH WAR CROSS



Sisters of Secretary of State Lansing—Misses Emma S. and Katherine E. Lansing, of Watertown, N. Y., have been decorated with the French war cross and cited in the army orders.

The two sisters worked in the American Red Cross canteen at Epervan during the recent bombardment and displayed marked heroism. They are the first members of the Red Cross canteen to receive this honor.

WILSON OPPOSES RECAPTURE CLAUSE

Believes It Would Give Water-
power Rights to Individuals
Permanently.

Washington, Aug. 29.—President Wilson is unalterably opposed to the "recapture clause" of the pending federal waterpower development bill, because he believes it would practically turn over to private interests in perpetuity the nation's invaluable waterpower sites, he has informed Chairman Sims, of the house interstate commerce commission.

This became known today when the

Plan Home for Soldiers

Mrs. Franklin K. Lane and
Other Washington Women
Back of Movement.

Washington, Aug. 29.—Mrs. Franklin K. Lane, and other wives of the interior department, are about to undertake to maintain a home here to care for returned soldiers who, while not so badly injured or so sick as to require their staying in a military hospital, still need weeks of careful nursing and dieting before being able to go out into the world and take care of themselves.

The men will still be under the care of specialists from Walter Reed army hospital, with trained nurses. The funds for maintaining the home come from voluntary contributions by employees of the interior department, who have formed the war work association.

house again took up the bill, with every indication of a hot fight over the "recapture clause," with the full force of administration influence arrayed against it. The clause its opponents in the house argued, would require the government to purchase a waterpower plant developed by private interests on a leased government-owned site at its net cost instead of at a fair valuation.

The president has written a letter to Mr. Sims, which is expected by opponents of the "recapture clause" to have marked effect upon the course the bill will take before the week-end.

CONFEREES AGREE ON MANPOWER MEASURE

Bill Now Awaits Signatures of
Speaker, President of Sen-
ate and Wilson.

Washington, Aug. 29.—A complete agreement on the manpower bill was reached this afternoon, when the conferees yielded to pleas by Provost Marshal-General Crowder and dropped the Penrose amendment providing that no man shall be compelled to claim exemption, but that the question shall be decided upon the facts presented in his questionnaire from the bill.

The bill now requires only the signature of the president pro tem of the senate and Speaker Champ Clark of the house before it is sent to President Wilson for his signature.

Provost Marshal-General Crowder told the committee that he was preparing new regulations that would carry out the purpose of the Penrose amendment without its having to be written into law.

Gen. Crowder said that allowing the Penrose amendment to stand in the bill would greatly delay the drafting of new regulations under the extended draft act. Questionnaires containing a printed form in which space is left for the registrant to claim exemption or deferred classification already have been shipped to local boards.

Washington, Aug. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Retention of the amendment would have compelled the recalling of all questionnaires and the printing of new ones.

The action of the conferees in dropping the Penrose amendment eliminates from the bill practically every provision that the war department felt would have hindered or delayed its work and was a decided victory for the administration.

SAMMIES TAKE PART IN PRESENT BATTLES

War Turned Into Footrace,
Writes Chattanooga Boy.
Runs on Last Legs.

The opinion that the American soldiers in France will be able to return home in the late spring of next year was expressed in a letter from Oscar H. Counts to his brother, W. J. Counts, a prominent attorney of this city.

Young Counts is a member of the 486th aero squadron of the American expeditionary forces.

The following is the text of the letter from Mr. Counts:

"There seems to be great hopes of our returning home by late spring (next) and I am very much inclined to believe that the Huns are on their last legs from the looks of the prisoners which we have taken in the last drive. Their age and physical condition indicate that the manpower is nearly exhausted. Perhaps you know from press dispatches, the war has turned into a foot race.

"The sacrifices which are being made, however, are great and show the love of the Sammies for their country. I have under my observation one poor boy who has twenty-seven holes in his body which were put there by German machine guns, yet he still lives.

"Don't for a minute let anyone tell you that the Americans are not in this battle, for they are heart and soul. In France alone there are over one million men from our dear country and every one of these stands ready to make the supreme sacrifice for humanity.

"The German population has already begun to plead with the Pope to intercede with the allies to discontinue the bombing of German towns. The practice of bombing the towns of the allies has been kept up by the barbarous Huns for the past year of the war and yet they ask for mercy! We have great faith in the work which our air fleet is to accomplish. Already we have produced some of the most daring aviators of the war. The control of the air is not yet certain, but the fact that when German planes fall victims to our machines they land in Germany, and when allied planes fall, they fall in Germany, shows that our operations in the air are on the offensive.

"I have seen a number of great statues, among which is that of Joan of Arc. The place where this statue stands is the place where the French made their last stand in the Hundred Year War.

"The French lingo has kept me puzzled quite a bit but I am now beginning to understand it and I soon expect to be able to parlez quite a bit. Their wine is as common as our water and it is quite popular with the Sammies."

LIEUT.-COL. WHELEN GOES TO MONTGOMERY FOR LONG STAY

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 29.—Lieut.-Col. Townsend Whelen, of the general staff, United States army, reached Montgomery Wednesday, being assigned to divisional headquarters at Camp Sheridan for an indefinite period, during which he will lend his experience in co-ordinating the training of the Ninth division, now being formed here.

REAR ADMIRAL HENRY B. WILSON BACK FROM FRENCH WATERS

Washington, Aug. 29.—Section of Rear Admiral Henry B. Wilson, now commanding the naval forces in French waters, to be a vice-admiral in command of the Atlantic fleet is announced by the navy department.

Admiral Wilson will succeed Vice-Admiral Dewitt Coffman, who will take command of the Fifth naval district with headquarters at Hampton Roads. A successor in command of the forces in French waters has not been announced.

BY WAY OF COMPARISON

New York.—(I. N. S.)—H. T. Webster, the cartoonist, told the following at a recent meeting of the Salmagundi club:

Shrapnel shrieked all about.
Bombs dropped from the sky,
and every so often a big German shell burst overhead. Suddenly one Yank burst into a fit of laughter.

"S' matter, Buddy?" his mate asked, fearing that he had suddenly gone insane.

"I was just thinkin', Bill," replied the other, between chuckles, "of the runt that held me up one night in Memphis with a 22-calibre revolver."

RYAN BECOMES SECOND ASSISTANT TO BAKER

President Sends Nominations to
Senate—Shannon Again
Postmaster at Nashville.

Washington, Aug. 29.—The president this afternoon sent the following nominations to the senate:

To be second assistant secretary of war, John D. Ryan, vice Edward J. Stettinius.

To be assistant secretary of the treasury, Albert Rathbone, vice Oscar T. Crosby.

To be collector of customs, New Orleans, Murphy J. Foster, reappointment.

To be surveyor of customs, district No. 20, John Marks, New Orleans.

Captains to be rear admirals: George R. Clark, to rank from March 20; William A. Gill, Harold P. Norton, Gustav Kaemmerling, Alexander S. Halstead, Roger Welles, Charles P. Plunkett, William H. G. Ballard, James W. Oman, Philip Andrews, Joseph S. McKean, Benton B. Decker, Mark L. Bristol, all to rank from July 1.

To be postmasters: Laporte, Ind., J. A. Terry; Michigan City, Ind., H. H. Hirsch; Princeton, Ind., J. C. Gorman; South Bend, Ind., G. W. Zinky; Wash. Ind., C. Lumares; Nashville, Tenn., Eugene S. Shannon.

Washington, Aug. 29.—Nominations of nearly 2,000 postmasters for cities, towns and villages in all parts of the country were sent to the senate today by President Wilson. Most of the nominees are present postmasters continued in office for another term.

AGE LIMIT FOR FIREMEN DISREGARDED

Atlanta, Aug. 29.—The existing age limit for Atlanta firemen will not count during the period of the war, it was decided Wednesday at a meeting of the board of firemasters in Chief Cody's office. Inroads made by the new draft regulations will change the aspect of things to an extent that makes it advisable to leave the chief much latitude.

KORNILOFF REPORTED TO BE AGAIN IN BATTLE

Paris, Aug. 29.—Vladimir Bourzoff, the Russian revolutionist, says he has received advice from Russia that Gen. Korniloff, who often has been reported dead, is living, according to the Temps.

Since the overthrow of the Kerensky government, there have been many reports of the death of Gen. Korniloff, but a few days or a few weeks later he again has been reported in the field against the bolsheviks.

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